

Response

The claims were amended in accordance with the amendments above. The amendments to the claims are being made to clarify the invention and to focus the claims on those aspects of the invention which are a commercial priority to the assignee. All of the amendments are fully supported by the specification, claims, and figures as originally filed. No new matter is believed or intended to be involved.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication in the Office Action dated 05/20/2005 that claim 43 is allowable. Accordingly, claims 23-25, 30-37, 39, and 41 have been amended such that they now depend from claim 43. Similarly, by virtue of these amendments, claims 26-28 and 40 now also depend from claim 43. New claims 44-48 also depend from claim 43. Applicants note that all of these dependent claims include additional limitations that are neither taught nor suggested by the art of record, thus forming additional bases for patentability.

Claim 49 was added, and recites the same patentably distinct limitations as claim 43 with the only difference being between the word "sending" and "receiving." Accordingly, for the same reasons that claim 43 is allowable, so is claim 50.

To the extent that rejected claims remain pending in the present application, Applicant notes that those claims all now recite the limitations of claim 43, which has been indicated as allowable. Accordingly, Applicant submits that all of the present claims are allowable for at least the same reasons that claim 43 is allowable.

To the extent that the amendments constitute a narrowing of the claims, such narrowing of the claims should not be construed as an admission as to the merits of the prior rejections. Indeed, Applicant traverses the rejections and preserves all rights and arguments.

Based on the foregoing, all pending claims are in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and an early notice of allowance.

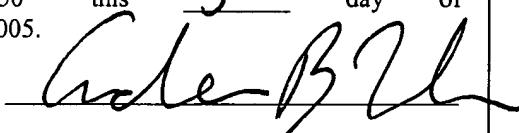
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